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EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT MAJORITY IRISH OPINION WILL SUPPORT GOVERNMENTS DECISION SEARCH CUBA BOUND PLANES.

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